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Free Events Across Utah to Help Keep Kids Safe

(Salt Lake City, UT) – Every day, 120 Utah children ages 1-14 are treated in an emergency department for an unintentional injury. Another 40 are killed each year from unintentional injuries due to motor vehicle crashes, pedestrian-related crashes, drowning, suffocation, and falls. Utah Department of Health (UDOH) experts say many of these injuries are preventable.

“Making simple choices like buckling up a child in a car or booster seat, supervising children when they are near water, and childproofing our homes will help keep children out of the emergency room,” said Christi Fisher, Director of Safe Kids Utah.

UDOH and Safe Kids Utah urge parents and caregivers to check their homes for basic safety precautions. “There’s no substitute for active supervision, but childproofing your home provides extra protection and peace of mind,” said Fisher. “It’s easy to eliminate the most obvious hazards, and it doesn’t have to involve a lot of expensive equipment.”

The first step in childproofing a home is to explore every room at a child’s eye level. “Literally get down on your hands and knees and crawl around. You’ll be surprised at how much you can reach and how many small objects you can pick up,” said Fisher.

To help parents and caregivers learn how to keep their children safe, free car seat checks, safety fairs, and sports safety clinics will be held across the state by Safe Kids Coalitions and local health departments. Events will be held:

- Saturday, April 21 – Safe Kids Safe Fair from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Weber County Fairgrounds (1000 North 1200 West, Ogden).
- Saturday, April 21 – Bike rodeo and car seat checkpoint from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Tuacahn Theatre parking lot (1100 Tuacahn Drive, Ivins).

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- Saturday, April 21 – Safety fair and car seat checkpoint from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Utah Parent Center (230 West 200 South, Salt Lake City).
- Monday, April 23 – Car seat check from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Bluff Elementary (6th East Black Locust Ave, Bluff).
- Thursday, April 26 – Safety fair and car seat checkpoint from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Magna Head Start (8275 West 3500 South, Magna).
- Friday, April 27 – Sports safety clinic from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Providence City Offices (15 South Main, Providence).
- Saturday, April 28 – Kite flight festival from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Cedar Middle School (2215 West Royal Hunte Drive, Cedar City).
- Saturday, April 28 – Car seat checkpoint from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Goulding's Grocery Store (1000 Main Street, Monument Valley).
- Saturday, April 28 – Safety fair from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the YMCA of Northern Utah (4223 South Atherton Drive, Taylorsville).
- Saturday, May 5 – Safety fair from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Barnes Park (950 West 200 North, Kaysville).
- Saturday, May 5 – Car seat checkpoint from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Mt. Pleasant Hospital (1100 South Medical Drive, Mt. Pleasant).
- Saturday, May 5 – Safety fair from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Uintah Community Center (610 South Vernal Avenue, Vernal).
- Thursday, May 10 – Car seat checkpoint and classes from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Castlevue Hospital (300 Hospital Drive, Price). Car seat classes will be held hourly beginning at 2:00 p.m. Attendees must pre-register for classes by calling Julie Sprague at 435-637-4800 ext. 3159 before April 20, 2012. No registration required for the car seat checkpoint.
- Friday, May 11 – Car seat checkpoint from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Emery Medical Center (90 West Main Street, Castle Dale). For Emery County, you must call with your child's height and weight prior to attending the checkpoint. Call Julie Sprague at 435-637-4800 ext. 3159 by April 25, 2012.
- Saturday, May 12 – Safety fair from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Heber City Police Department (301 South Main Street, Heber City).
- Saturday, May 12 – Helmet safety and bike swap from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Yard (1251 Kearns Blvd, Park City).
- Saturday, May 18 – Sports and helmet safety event from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Skate Park (50 Center Street, Coalville).
- Saturday, May 18 – Sports safety fair from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Discovery Gateway (444 West 100 South, Salt Lake City).
- Saturday, June 2 – Safety fair and car seat checkpoint from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Macey's (972 North Main Street, Tooele).

Safe Kids Utah strives to prevent unintentional injuries among children ages 1-14. To learn more free events in your community, visit www.safekidsutah.org.

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